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Title : WAFER HOLDER FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
MANUFACTURING DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
MANUFACTURING DEVICE IN WHICH IT IS  
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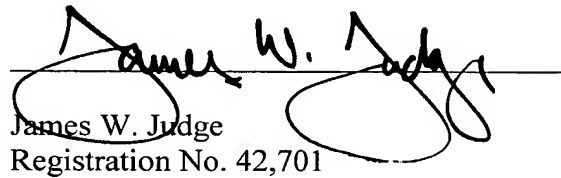
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Respectfully submitted,

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